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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 11, 2007, **JASON E. WAMPLER**, age 28, of Robinson, Illinois, and **JUSTIN MICHAEL CAFIN**, age 26, of Robinson, Illinois, were named in a three-count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois.

Count 1 charges that from July 2006, the exact date being unknown, through on or about December 18, 2006, in Crawford County, the State of Indiana, and elsewhere, WAMPLER and CAFIN conspired with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute more than fifty (50) grams of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B), and 846.

Count 2 charges that on December 6, 2006, in Crawford County, WAMPLER possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C).

Count 3 charges that on December 18, 2006, in Crawford County, CAFIN possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C).

With respect to Count 1, both defendants face a possible penalty of 5-40 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 4 years.

With respect to Count 2, WAMPLER faces a possible penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 3 years.

With respect to Count 3, CAFIN faces a possible penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$1,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 3 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Edgar County Sheriff's Department, the Robinson, Illinois, Police Department, and others. In addition, the Crawford County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.